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Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Puerto Rico Grid More Resilient for Future Storms: Energy Official

By Rebecca Kern

The rebuilding and hardening of Puerto Rico's electricity grid in the seven months since Hurricane Maria hit the island has prepared it to weather future storms, the Energy Department's top electricity official told Bloomberg Environment.

Pebble Mine Inches Closer to Goal of Gold and Copper in Alaska

By Jill Burke and Stephen Lee

Pebble Partnership LLC, the company that wants to build a gold and copper mine in Alaska, has received the go-ahead to drill 80 exploratory boreholes 16 miles northwest of Iliamna in salmon-rich Bristol Bay.

Fracking Pushes Concentrating Solar Power Growth Overseas

By Bobby Magill

Concentrating solar-thermal power plants will remain in low demand in the U.S. for the foreseeable future as companies such as SolarReserve LLC develop new plants overseas, according to industry analysts.

TODAY'S NEWS

Pruitt Moving Again to Change the Way EPA Uses Science (1)

By Patrick Ambrosio

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is taking another step toward changing how the agency uses science.

Pruitt's \$43,000 Soundproof Phone Booth Started More Modestly

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

In the beginning, it was supposed to be just a secure telephone line.

Money Starts Trickling From EPA Water Loan Program

By David Schultz

The first loans from a new EPA water infrastructure program are starting to trickle down to utilities, four years after Congress created the program.

Feds' Plan to End Kids' Lead Exposure Still on Track for Summer

By David Schultz

A cross-agency strategy to reduce or even eradicate lead exposure among children is still on track to be released this summer, EPA officials said April 20.

Pennsylvania Lab Loses Ability to Test Drinking Water Samples

By Leslie A. Pappas

A Pennsylvania lab voluntarily surrendered its accreditation to test drinking water samples after state officials cited it for repeated violations of safe handling and notification requirements.

Climate Gases Up From Canadian Oil, Gas Despite Nationwide Dip

By James Munson

Canada's miners and oil and gas industry pumped more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere in 2016 than in 2015 even as the country's emissions dipped as a whole.

Australia Edges Toward New Energy Policy After Decade of Turmoil

By Perry Williams and Jason Scott

Australia may agree the final rules of its contentious National Energy Guarantee by August after winning cautious backing from states and territories for a policy the ruling Coalition hopes will end a decade of policy paralysis.

Pipelines Should Be Able to Charge Producers More: Regulator

By Kevin Crowley

Texas's oil and gas regulator wants pipeline operators to be allowed to charge market rates, not those set by the state, to help ease bottlenecks that threaten growth in the biggest U.S. shale field.

Sunshine State to Get More Rooftop Solar as Florida Eases Rule

By Brian Eckhouse and Christopher Martin

Expect to see a lot more solar rooftops in Florida.

Off-Grid Solar Expands Throughout Sunny Africa

By Wachira Kigotho

Providing electricity to more rural, off-grid communities in Africa could be a phone call away—literally.

Foul Weather Fans? MLB's Early Season Chill Offers Look at Future

By Adam Allington

"The future ain't what it used to be," New York Yankees great Yogi Berra once said. And that could spell trouble for Major League Baseball.

Power Utility Eversource Looks to Double Down on Its Water Bet

By Lynn Doan

U.S. Northeast power giant Eversource Energy is thirsty for another water business.

HSBC Pledges to Stop Financing New Coal and Dirtiest Oil and Gas

By Anna Hirtenstein

HSBC Holdings Plc will stop financing new coal power plants and oil sands projects.

Bayer Consents to Give Assets to Russia for Monsanto Deal

By Eleanor Tyler

The U.S. is the last major regulatory hurdle before Bayer AG's merger with Monsanto Co. can close after the parties reached a deal with the Russian Federal Antitrust Service (FAS).

Impossible Foods Quest to Save Planet Draws Environmentalist Ire

By Lydia Mulvany

Biochemist Patrick O. Brown, founder of Impossible Foods Inc., invented a “magic ingredient” that solves what he calls the planet’s biggest environmental problem: beef.

Indonesia Names New CEO at State Oil Giant After Deadly Spill

By Eko Listiyorini and Yoga Rusmana

Indonesia replaced the head of state-owned oil giant PT Pertamina amid a corporate restructuring and just three weeks after an oil spill from a company pipeline caught fire and killed five people.

Trump's Claim of 'Oil All Over the Place' Isn't True Anymore

By Brian Wingfield and Rupert Rowling

President Donald Trump’s assertion that OPEC is propping up oil prices amid oversupply and an excess of floating storage has a problem: it’s only half true.

Denmark Hesitates on French Plan for Carbon-Floor Coalition

By Mathew Carr, Ewa Krukowska and Anna Shiryevskaya

Two days after France said Denmark was supporting its plan to create a coalition of nations introducing a minimum carbon price, the Nordic country said it’s not so sure.

VW's Porsche Unit Manager Arrested in Emissions Probe

By Karin Matussek

A senior engine manager at Volkswagen AG’s Porsche unit was arrested recently as part of a long-running probe into allegations that VW cheated on diesel-emissions tests, according to a person familiar with the probe.

Kenya Lifts Logging Ban That Tea Growers Warned Could Cut Output

By Samuel Gebre

Kenya's government will partially lift a ban on logging, the Environment and Forestry Ministry said after tea growers warned the moratorium would remove an important source of energy for the industry.

Earth Day 2018: Pollution From Plastic Is Drastic

By Marissa Horn

"Reduce. Reuse. Recycle." You've seen those words above trash cans in your workplace, or on kids' television shows teaching future generations about how we can close the loop on recycling plastic and other materials.

THURSDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Brazilian Development Bank Negotiating Financing for Renewables

By Michael Kepp

A \$67.3 million loan to finance six Brazilian wind farms—the first joint financing between the Brazil's Development Bank (BNDES) and the New Development Bank—“is an important step to bring more development banks and multilateral agencies together,” Dyogo Oliveira, the head of the BNDES, told Bloomberg Environment April 19.

EPA Lead Paint, Soil Standards Need Work by June: Adviser

By Pat Rizzuto

The Environmental Protection Agency hasn't conducted extensive reviews of its lead paint and lead-in-soil standards, which a federal court has ordered it to either update or justify by June, an agency adviser said April 19.

Trump Regulatory 'Whipsaw' a Challenge for Oil, Conoco CEO Says

By Alex Nussbaum

The Trump administration's drive to cut regulation has helped the U.S. oil industry, but it remains uncertain how long it lasts, ConocoPhillips Co. CEO told a New York audience April 19.

Monsanto Loses Appeal on California's Glyphosate Cancer Listing

By Peter Blumberg

A state appeals court in Fresno, Calif., has upheld a ruling rejecting Monsanto's bid to keep a widely used ingredient in its Roundup herbicide off California's public list of cancer-causing chemicals.

Fight Looms Over Pesticide-Species Review in House Farm Bill

By Ayanna Alexander

The House is poised to consider farm bill language that would curtail reviews of the impact of pesticides on rare species, removing a right to legal challenges in federal court.

Canada Wants to Name and Shame Illegal Salmon Fishers

By James Munson

Canada wants to "name and shame" countries illegally fishing Pacific salmon stocks using satellite imagery and other techniques to identify the boats and their crews.

Rockaway Inlet Dunes Damaged by Superstorm Sandy to Be Replaced

By Cary O'Reilly

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a contract for restoration of dunes along the beach that stretches between Rockaway Inlet and Jones Inlet on Long Island that were damaged by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

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